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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO DOT FOR JOHN BURKE AND EPA FOR F ALLEN
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IN LETTER DATED JANUARY 19, 1976, BELGIAN NATO DEL HAS JUST
CIRCULATED TO OTHER ALLIED DELS TEXT OF BELGIAN DRAFT IM-
PLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON PEDESTRAIN SAFETY, REGARDING WHICH
DEPT HAS REQUESTED STATUS REPORT (REFTEL). COVER
NOTE REQUESTS ANY ALLIED COMMENTS ASAP IN ORDER ENABLE
BELGIAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE THESE INTO ACCOUNT IN
PROVIDING FINAL VERSION TO NATO SECRETARIAT FOR INSCRIPTION
ON AGENDA OF SPRING 1976 CCMS PLENARY.
WE NOTE REFTTEL THAT US HAS ALREADY FORWARDED SOME SUGGESTED
CHANGES LAST NOVEMBER. PLEASE ADVISE US REACTION TO TEXT
(BELOW) AS IT NOW STANDS. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED
WITH EMBASSY BRUSSELS.

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BEGIN TEXT:

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATING RESOLUTION ON PEDESTRAIN SAFETY

THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE WITH REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 23, 19753:

CONSIDERING THAT IN MANY NATIONS PEDESTRIAN INJURIES AND FATALITIES ARE A SIZABLE PROPORTION (12 PCT TO 34 PCT) OF THE ROAD SAFETY PROBLEM;

CONSIDERING THAT A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT IS GIVEN TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MOVING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC MORE SWIFTLY, BUT NOT ENOUGH ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF PEDESTRIANS;

CONSIDERING THAT DESPITE ITS RELATIVE IMPORTANCE IN OVERALL ROAD SAFETY, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DOES NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH ATTENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS;

CONSIDERING THAT ACTION IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR AREAS CAN ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY;

RECOGNIZING THAT FEW EXISTING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN FULLY EVALUATED FOR THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, AND THAT RESEARCH ON PEDESTRIAN BEHAVIOR AND SAFETY HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LIMITED;

RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NATIONS REGARDING PEDESTRIAN REGULATIONS, ENFORCEMENT LEVELS AND OTHER PROGRAMS; AND

REGARDING THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT LED BY BELGIUM AS PART OF THE NATO CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AS HAVING CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE NEED TO COORDINATE AND INTENSIFY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS WITH SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

TO REVIEW THEIR ROAD SAFETY BUDGET AND RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS BOTH IN RESEARCH AND CURRENT MEASURES WITH A VIEW TOWARD ALLOCATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY A SHARE OF RESOURCES PROPORTIONATE TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROAD SAFETY PROBLEM.

TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR SYSTEMATICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSESSING THE MAGNITUDE AND CAUSES OF THE PEDESTRIAN CASUALTY PROBLEM. AN APPROPRIATE DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PROCEDURES DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE PURPOSES IS NECESSARY TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

TO AUGMENT OR INITIATE A PROGRAM TO EDUCATE, TRAIN, INFORM, AND OTHERWISE UPGRADE THE AWARENESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR WORK TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TO SECURE THEIR SUPPORT FOR INTENSIFIED EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD;

TO AUGMENT OR INITIATE NEW PROGRAMS OF TRAINING EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY AIMED AT IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN AND DRIVER BEHAVIOR, THESE PROGRAMS TO BE TARGETED SPECIFICALLY AT SELECTED AUDIENCES AND UNDERTAKEN AFTER A RIGOROUS EVALUATION

OF THEIR POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS;
TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AFTER REEXAMINATION OF EXISTING
MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING THE MOVEMENT OF PEDESTRIANS TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE ADEQUATE, HAVEING REGARD TO THE
RELEVANT NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND DESIRABILITY OF
SECURING UNIFORMITY BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES, SO FAR AS THIS
IS PRACTICAL;
TO DESIGNATE A SINGLE OFFICIAL TO BE THE INTERNATIONAL
CONTACT FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAMS;
TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH GOING ON IN OECD
ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FOLLOWING THE CCMS STUDY AND TO IMPLEMENT
APPROPRIATELY THE CONCLUSIONS OF ECMT CONCERNING THE
BEST WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS. END TEXT
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